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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives congratulate Lou Tessmann, Deputy Chief of Police with the Waukegan Police Department, on his retirement May 13, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, He attained the rank of Deputy Chief of Police in his over 21 years of service; in addition to serving as the Deputy Chief, he has also held a wide variety of other assignments, such as patrol, detective bureau, and department training officer; he is only one of a few Certified Forensic Interviewers in the United States; and

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WHEREAS, He graduated from Northeastern Illinois University with a degree in English and Physical Education; he retired as a Marine Corps officer after serving in combat during the Vietnam War, he received numerous awards and decorations; he recently retired as the Commander of the elite Lake County Major Crime Task Force which only works homicides and police officer-involved shootings; he is well-known for his interrogation techniques on suspects of crimes; and

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WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Tessmann is a motivational speaker for police and non-police organizations throughout the country; he has been a guest speaker on programs such as the Discovery Channel and America's Most Wanted; and

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WHEREAS, He travels around the country teaching interview and interrogation techniques to police officers; he was one of the first group of officers selected in the State of Illinois to teach other officers "Cultural Diversity/Racial Profiling" training; and

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WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Tessmann is a member of numerous professional and training organizations, including the

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1 American Society of Law Enforcement Trainers, the
2 International Homicide Investigators Association, and the
3 International Narcotics Officers Association; and

4 WHEREAS, He is married to Christine and they have two
5 children, Luke and Matt; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we congratulate Deputy Chief Lou Tessmann on the occasion of
9 his retirement from the City of Waukegan's Department of
10 Police, we thank him for his many years of outstanding public
11 service, and we wish him all the best in his retirement; and be
12 it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Deputy Chief Lou Tessmann as an expression of our
15 esteem.